textile units does not provide a solution to the problems of sickness and the Government would not, as a rule, intervene in such cases.

Freparation of Maps pertaining *to* Wasteland

794. SHRI RAJNl RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether wastelands maps have been prepared through National Remote Sensing Agency; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and how these will be put to use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) With a view to identify the nature extent and location of wastelands in the country, the National Wastelands Development Board has undertaken a roaping project in collaboration with the National Remote Sensing Agency. Under the project, maps on 1 : JOOOO scale are being prepared for 14© districts in 19 States. These maps will enable the preparation and implementation of area-specific wastelands development plans.

Customs Duty Relief on Import of Machinery

795 SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are consi dering customs duty relief for machi nery imported for desalination pro jects;

(b) whether the Gujarat Govern ment has represented to the Central Government for such relief In case of cement and chemical industry in Saurashtra;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the request in view of acute shortage of fresh water in the region; and

(d) what will be the estimated cost and extent of imported machinery for each unit and what will be the net savings in terms of expenditure incurred to procure fresh water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A JIT PANJA); (a) to (c) Certain units located in Gujarat as also the Gujarat Government have requested for duty relief on equipments imported for dpsafinationi projects to be set up in Gujarat. The request is presently under consideration of the Government.

(d) It is estimated that a desalination Plant of capacity 5 lakhs GPD manufactured partly out of imported components would cost about Rs. 250 lakhs in case exemption from customs and excise duty is granted. The cost of the water produced by such plants is estimated at Rs. 16.76 per M3. It is not possible to work out on a realistic basis the net savings in terms of the expenditure incurred to procure fresh water.

Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme of IDBI

796. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme of Industrial Development Bank of India is due to expire on August 1988; if so, whether the scheme will be reviewed and continued;

(b) what is the amount of concessional assistance and special loans provided SO far under the Scheme, State-wise and what was the rate of Interest and whether the recovery of the rmount has been saisfactpry;